

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Diane C. Thornton, et al.	Confirmation No: 1984
Serial No.: 10/729,496	Group Art Unit: 2162
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For: Fiber Splice Assignment and Management System	Atty. Docket No.: 190250-1790

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Sir:

In regard to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief of August 27, 2007, Applicant submits the following remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

REMARKS

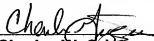
In the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief of August 27, 2007, it is alleged that Applicant's Appeal Brief filed on June 4, 2007 is defective for failing to provide a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each independent claim involved in the appeal. The Notice provides the example where the citation "pages 8-16, lines 19-14, pages 38-40, lines 21-9, Fig. 34" is not a clear, precise, and concise citation." The Notice states that "it is not clear whether Appellant refers to lines 19-14 in every single page of pages 8-16." In response and with respect to the example citation above, Applicant notes that the citation refers to the portion of the application corresponding to page 8, line 19 to page 16, line 14; the portion of the application corresponding to page 38, line 21 to page 40, line 9; and Fig. 34.

In response to the Notice, Applicant submits herewith a Revised Appeal Brief which provides a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each independent claim involved in the appeal with concise and precise citations.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office accept and consider the Appeal Brief submitted herewith. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this paper, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



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